

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

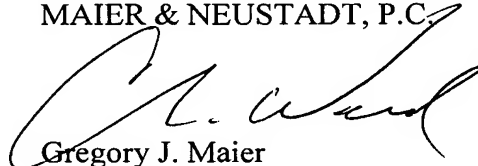
Claims 9-26 are presently active in this case, Claims 1-8 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 9-26 having been added by way of the present Amendment.

Newly added Claims 9-26 are considered allowable as they recite features of the invention that are neither disclosed nor suggested by the references of record. Care has been taken such that no new matter has been entered. The Applicants submit that all of the new claims have support in the original specification including the written description, drawings, and claims of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable consideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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